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Mr. Nigel Gibbens  
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Dear Mr. Gibbens:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) February 11-19, 2002, audit of Great Britain's meat inspection system. We received your July 26, 2002, letter providing comments on the Draft Final report of the same audit and incorporated this letter into the Final report as Attachment "G."

We appreciate the corrective actions taken by the establishments and the oversight measures taken by DEFRA and the Food Standards Agency to ensure that meat products exported from Great Britain meet U.S. import requirements. In addition, your immediate attention to the sanitation and other deficiencies identified by the FSIS auditors in Establishment 2060 satisfies our standards that corrective and preventive actions were taken within thirty days. Accordingly, FSIS recognizes that Establishment 2060 is eligible to produce pork products for export to the United States.

Regarding United Kingdom's (UK) position not to test for arsenic, FSIS acknowledges that arsenic is not included in UK's 2002 national residue testing plan and therefore is not considered a deficiency by FSIS. We apologize for this misunderstanding and concur with UK's decision to review its position regarding the testing of arsenic as warranted.

If you have any questions regarding the FSIS audit or any matter discussed in this letter, please contact me at telephone number 202-720-3781 or facsimile number 202-720-7990. You may also contact me at my email address ([sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Stratmoen". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Sally" and last name "Stratmoen" clearly legible.

Sally Stratmoen, Chief  
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Enclosure

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